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**Amendments to the Specification:**

Please replace paragraph 0008 with the following amended paragraph:

[0008] A user can selectively preload data into one or more of the memory blocks on the programmable IC prior to the user mode. A user can decide not to preload data into any one of the memory blocks prior to user mode. The memory blocks can be used as random-access memory (RAM) or read-only memory (ROM) during user mode. By allowing the user to prevent the programming of one or more of the memory blocks prior to user mode, programming time is substantially reduced, because data is not transferred to memory blocks that do not need to be programmed.